permits for exploration of gold. HGML has informed that the company has taken steps like modernization/expansion of its mines and mills, deepening of shafts, exploratory surface/underground diamond drilling, opening up of new satellite mines, searching new gold bearing areas under the reconnaissance permit/prospecting licenses etc., in order to boost production of gold.

New Mines

2830. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had found new mines across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the revenue to be generated therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A total of 65 new mines on major minerals were found during the year 2004-05.

(c) The revenue to be generated cannot be assessed at this moment. However, the revenue accrued on account of royalty is collected and retained by respective State Governments.

2831. Cancelled

Status of proposal for Welfare of disabled

t2832. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the cases pertaining to the disabled people sent to the State Government of Chhattisgarh during January, 2002 to October,

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

2005 by the Commissioner, Disabled People Welfare, Government of India, to provide them right to equality after making settlement in these cases;

(b) the dates on which such cases were forwarded;

(c) the details of the cases out of the above which have been finally settled as on the 31st October, 2005; and

(d) the reasons for non-settlement of the rest of the cases and the officers responsible therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (d) The Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (CCD) appointed under the Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 makes recommendation to the appropriate authorities on the complaints received by him. Settlement of cases based on the recommendation is the responsibility of the concerned authorities. Seven complainants received from the complaints for action by the State of Chhattisgarh were forwarded to them for appropriate action.

Projects for weaker sections in NER

2833. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the projects running in the North-Eastern Region for the welfare of people belonging to SCs, STs, Backward Classes and other weaker sections of the society, State-wise;

(b) the number of the projects undertaken in the Region during the last three years and the amount spent thereon, State-wise; and

(c) the details of achievements made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) The requisite information is given in the Statement.